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Subject: New York State Department of Public Service CWA Section 10/404 - SP - South Fork Wind Offshore Wind Energy

Project

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Attachments: NYSDPS 401 Water Quality Certification 2021.11.22.pdf

PUBLIC NOTICE NAN-2020-01079-EME.pdf

## Good Morning,

Please see attached Water Quality Certification (WQC) issued by New York State Department of Public Service (NYSDPS) for the South Fork Wind Export Cable (SFEC) located within federal and state waters making landfall in Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York. I have also attached USACE public notice number NAN-2020-1079-EME which includes the original work description of the SFEC cable along with other proposed work relating to the offshore wind energy project. I must note that the proposed work description has slightly changed since the published public notice and an updated description of the proposed work for the SFEC can be found below.

For this particular project, two state certifying agencies, NYSDPS and New York State Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC) are responsible for issuing a Section 401 WQC. As described above NYSDPS is responsible for the issuance of a 401 WQC for the South Fork Wind Export Cable (SFEC) and NYSDEC is responsible for issuing a 401 WQC at the O&M Facility.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) is the lead federal agency for this project and USACE is acting as a cooperating agency under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899 (33 USC 403) and Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (33 USC 1344). It is important to note that this is a **Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST-41) project** and is tracked on the Federal Infrastructure Projects Permitting Dashboard.

## **Federal Permitting Agency:** USACE **Federal Agency Point of Contact:**

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**Permit Type:** Standard Permit

**State:** New York

**Project Location:** BOEM Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0517 (Deepwater Wind South Fork, LLC lease area), export cable landfall in Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York, operations and maintenance facility in Lake Montauk, Town

of East Hampton, Suffolk County, New York. Lat/Long: 41° 1'9.62"N -71°37'20.65"W Major Watershed (HUC8): Atlantic Ocean

**Project Type:** Installation of an approximately 62 mile long, 12-inch diameter submarine export cable via mechanical cutter, mechanical plow (which may include a jetting system), jet plow and/or

displacement plow.

**Brief summary description of the project:** From the OSS, install approximately 62 miles of 12-inch diameter submarine export cable via mechanical cutter, mechanical plow (which may include a jetting system), jet plow and/or displacement plow, buried to a coverage depth ranging from 4-6 feet measured from the top of the submarine export cable to the seafloor. Install approximately 3.7 miles of the total 62 miles of submarine export cable located within New York state waters to a buried minimum coverage depth of 6 feet measured from the top of the submarine export cable to the seafloor.

Construct approximately 1,750 feet of the sea to shore transition submarine export cable using Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) measured from the plane of mean high water. The submarine export cable would be installed a minimum of 30-feet below the existing beach surface. Construct a temporary 530-foot-long by 185-foot-wide square foot cofferdam to dewater and dredge approximately 26,500 cubic yards of material to depths ranging from 10-17 feet below the existing grade at the HDD exit location. Discharge the approximately 26,500 cubic yards of dredged material within the cofferdam footprint after the submarine export cable is installed.

Does the federal agency have reason to believe the project may affect the water quality of a neighboring jurisdiction? No

**List tribes and states, if any, that were consulted regarding this project:** Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Mohegan Tribe of Indians of Connecticut, Narragansett Indian Tribe, Mashpee Wampanoag

Tribe, Shinnecock Indian Nation, Delaware Tribe of Indians, Delaware Nation, and Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aguinnah)

As per CFR 121.12 the Corps is requesting you notify this office if your office determines that the proposed discharge from the project may affect the water quality in a neighboring jurisdiction.

Thank you,

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